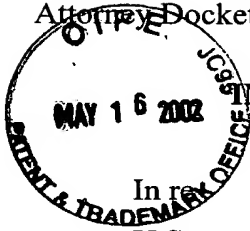


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of Application Serial No. 09/491,304, filed on January 25, 2000, by Wade J. WALTERSCHEID, entitled UPHOLSTERY PAD AND METHOD.

A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time, extending the response period to May 28, 2002, is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please enter the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which was previously filed on April 8, 2002, but not entered by the Examiner, and wherein claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-14, 40, 42, 45-47, 49, 51 and 53-55 incorporate new amendments thereto, claim 41 has been cancelled, and no claims have been added.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$850.00 (\$740.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), plus \$110.00 for the Petition fee for One Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to be charged to SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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